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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

RE: Environmental Sensitivities

Thank you for your letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. The opinions and comments contained therein are duly noted.

From you correspondence it appears that your concerns relate specifically to environmental sensitivities and the current accepted and prescribed treatments for same. As you are aware, environmental sensitivities is a rather new medical condition and research into the cause and authenticity of this condition is presently being conducted. As a result, many physicians feel that this condition is psychosomatic, while at the same time many are of the opinion that this condition has a cause. However, at this point in time the definite cause is yet to be determined.

For your information the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is the regulatory body for physicians practising medicine in Ontario. As such, when a complaint about the medical care received from a physician is lodged with us, the complaint is investigated to ascertain whether the accepted standard of practise was maintained. It should be noted, however, that the College does not set the standard of care with respect to the treatment of diseases and conditions but, alternatively, ensures that the accepted standard is maintained. Periodically the Ontario Medical Association distributes information to their members as do the many organizations for medical specialists. However, this is a complimentary service they provide to their membership and not an obligatory one.

Thank you for writing to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. I hope the above will be helpful to you and regret that I am unable to assist you further.

Yours truly,

C. Kitty McConnell

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